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MUFI HANNEMANN
MAYOR



October 2, 2007

Mr. David McClain
President
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David
Dear Mr. McClain:

I have reviewed the latest transit alignment proposal from you with the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) and the Department of Transportation Services (DTS). I agree with their assessment that the latest alignment does not serve the City's best interests in expediting the project development and maximizing the public benefits. Recognizing that you have not been as intimately involved in our transit planning discussions, you should know that it has been challenging working with UH West Oahu as their position has not been a consistent one.

In the beginning of this project, the City had proposed a possibility of an alignment that directly serves the campus and the surrounding new developments. UH West Oahu ("West Oahu"), Hoopili (DR Horton), Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL), and the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) had expressed their preference in the alignment that does not include the station near or on the West Oahu campus. Instead, the group had supported the alignment that follows Farrington Highway and North-South Road, thus avoiding the station or alignment within the East Kapolei development. As a result, the City Council selected the general alignment parallel to Farrington Highway and North South Road through the east Kapolei region, and the City has been consistent in reflecting the selected alignment in all of its published documents.

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DTS and DPP worked patiently with West Oahu to provide the guidance and to reach the best possible alignment to serve all land owners' interests in the area. However, after reviewing the latest proposal, and without a true commitment from the appropriate authority to be able to guarantee that the DLNR property will be available for our use when needed, we have determined that UH West Oahu and its surrounding development by Hunt would be best served by an alignment that would be located on Hoopili's "main street" and along the North-South Road alignment, which would have only one station, close to DHHL/Hunt's planned East-West Road, which can serve the West Oahu campus.

The final EIS will address this alignment, and we do not intend to adjust the alignment further.

With warm regards and aloha,

Yours truly,


Mufi Hannemann
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cc: Department of Planning and Permitting

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Date Received: 9/21/2007

Correspondence
Date: 9/21/2007

Category: REQUEST

Source Agency: * General Public

Source Person: McClain, David

Address: 2444 Dole Street, Bachman Hall

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Subject: Transit Alignment

Description: University of Hawaii's David McClain sends thank you letter to the Mayor for allowing them the opportunity to provide comments about their preferred transit alignment and how it will accomodate and benefit the students.

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Tasks

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mayor	Transportation Services Your information and file	10/3/2007
10/2/2007 17:17	alee5 (MAY)	Response to David McClain generated and sent out 10/2. Closing DART.	<u>U.H. West Oahu - transit alignment.PDF</u>
		Response sent via email to the following:	
		dchang, Assignee, Transportation Services	
		dtsreceptionist, Assignee, Transportation Services	
		jmoriwaki, Assignee, Transportation Services	
		Istoeck, Assignee, Transportation Services	
10/2/2007 16:13	Istoeck (DTS)	Assigned to Chang, Deanna(dchang DTS)	
9/27/2007	Istoeck	DTS response attached.	<u>Response to UH West.doc</u>

14:51 (DTS)

Response sent via email to the following:

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9/24/2007 gnakashima1 Assigned to Stoeck, Lynette(Istoeck DTS)
13:34 (MAY)

9/24/2007 gnakashima1 Assigned to Moriwaki, Jane K(jmoriwaki DTS)
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David McClain
President

September 21, 2007

The Honorable Mufi Hannemann
Mayor, City and County of Honolulu
530 South King Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Mayor Hannemann:

Thank you for allowing us an opportunity to provide comments about our preferred transit alignment. As you know, the plans for University of Hawai'i's 500-acre parcel in East Kapolei will consist of the new UH West O'ahu campus (accommodating 7,600 students at build-out), campus-related facilities including student housing and an extended stay facility, a transit-ready mixed-use university village, residential housing, residential/commercial mixed uses, parks and an elementary school.

Since the City commenced work on the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project, the University, working in conjunction with the Hunt Building Company, other area developers, and the City, has designed and reviewed numerous alignment alternatives. Based on our analysis and discussion with the various developers and City agencies, we feel that the alignment illustrated in the attached Exhibit best reflects our preferred transit alignment.

We believe that our preferred alignment offers the best option for the following reasons.

1. The alignment is one which offers the best opportunity to capitalize on the transit-oriented development potential and access to key activity nodes within the University property (such as the University Village and University campus) and to surrounding land uses which would benefit from access to the transit facility (such as the Kroc Center), while minimizing the visual and noise impacts to the University's lands that are associated with an elevated transit system.
2. The transit stop locations offer the greatest opportunity to capitalize on a diversity of ridership generated by both the UH and the region. This alignment and its associated transit stops place students, along with residents of the UH development, Ho'opili development, DHHL development and the Kroc Center all within a 5-minute walk to the transit stop.

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3. For the University Village transit station, this alignment allows for the location of a transit stop to energize the mixed-use village and create a focal point within the mixed-use community. This stop within the University Village offers the best location for creating a transit-oriented destination and is situated within our development which has been planned for the highest amount of density and has been designed to include a mix of both commercial and residential land uses, ideally suited for transit-oriented development. The location within the University Village is preferred as it helps to energize the development reinforcing the concept of a community where people can live, work, learn and play.
4. The makai station, located in the median of the North South Road near its intersection with the proposed East-West Connector Road, will allow for development to optimize the use of each of the commercial properties, including the best potential to create and establish uses that complement and support transit (e.g., retail shops, fast food establishments, coffee and newspaper stands, sundries stores, restaurants and supermarkets) ,while minimizing impacts to land value, views and noise associated with an elevated system
5. Finally, the University believes that this alignment helps to preserve, to the greatest extent possible, the open space character of the campus and the scenic views from the campus.

We are committed to try and have DLNR convey to the University the DLNR parcel that our preferred transit alignment traverses and have already started communication with DLNR to secure the parcel for University related expansion activities.

If you have any questions or need any clarification, please feel free to contact UH West O'ahu Chancellor, Gene Awakuni, at (808) 454-4750.

Sincerely,



David McClain

Attachment

c: Chancellor Gene Awakuni

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